



Nimble News

Second Quarter 2019 Newsletter

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Louisville Nimble Thimbles Quilt Guild

*Meeting twice monthly at the
Jeffersontown Community
Center, 10617 Taylorsville Rd.,
Louisville, KY*

*First Thursday at 6:30 PM,
Third Thursday at 10 AM*

Message from the President



Well, as I sit here to write my article for the newsletter I am thinking "WOW, it's already March". Time is sure flying by already. But you know what the saying is when you're having fun!

March means St. Patrick's Day – so to all you lassies of LNT, May

the luck of the Irish be with you all! You know about that pot of gold that is at the end of the rainbow. Well, I need look no further because finding LNT here in Louisville is my pot of gold.

March also is National Sewing and Quilting month - A time to take a moment and give yourself a big pat on the back for being so talented and creative. There is no lack of talent in LNT though – each month during show and tell I am literally awestruck at the quilts that are brought to share so thank you all for this privilege. March 16 was actually National Quilting day – so I hope everybody spent the day doing what we love best – making a beautiful quilt.

QDO 2019 is now but a memory. But what a good one it proved to be. The day was perfect in my book. Our guild booth looked spectacular and I have to give a BIG thanks to Susan Wolfe for making it so. Everybody who came by the booth seemed to really enjoy getting a free kit and even better a free tutorial on how to make the 3-seam block. So, thanks to Susan and all who helped with the booth. And how about that guild boutique? Well it looked absolutely fabulous. Terrie Catron did an outstanding job in putting the boutique together again this year. Debbie Bates also was part of the boutique team and she and Terrie spent a lot of hours in my very cold garage presorting all of the treasures so that everything was ready for a price tag and a place at the boutique. Thanks to everybody who helped at the boutique and

especially to all the members for cleaning out their sewing rooms and fabric stashes and donating to the boutique. Now remember, my garage is ready to be filled up for next year so let's all get busy. We have recently been the recipient of a very generous donation so thanks to this we are well on our way for QDO 2020.

April is looking pretty good for us in LNT. We will host our guest teacher Debbie Stewart on the 20th. She will be teaching the Bargello quilt method. You know, I have always been afraid to try this particular pattern so let's all take the plunge and learn together. It's going to be a fun day for us to get together and get wild and crazy.

You know, growing up in a "crafting family" I must have tried every craft known to man – macramé, decoupage', stained glass, wood burning, weaving, crochet and yes even needlepoint and counted cross stitch. Don't get me wrong – these were fun but for me nothing really stuck. But when I finally worked up the courage to go to a quilt shop and sign up for a class I knew that I had finally "come home" so to speak. The quilting community, whether in California or Kentucky, is such a kind and generous group and I feel so lucky to be a part of it!

So, one last thing – just a reminder. It's time to renew your guild membership so please be sure to do this. We rely on our membership dues as one of our fundraising activities so we need your continued support.

Keep on quilting!!

Bill

A Reminder for Our Members . . .

If you have made a purchase for Nimble Thimbles, the correct way to be reimbursed is as follows:

1. Fill out a reimbursement form (found on the website or your committee chairperson should have some) and attach all receipts.
2. Turn this in to your committee chairperson to have it approved.
3. The committee chairperson will then give the reimbursement form to the treasurer to write the check.

Submitting receipts in this manner is necessary to let the committee chairperson know what is being spent out of that committee's budget.

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2019 Kentucky State Fair Featured Class: "Two Color Quilts"

It's not too early to begin working on your entry.

Guidelines:

- Hand or machine pieced.
- Hand or machine quilted.
- Minimum perimeter of 300".
- Tints and shades of the two chosen colors may be used.
- Black and white are to be considered colors.

Our Cuddle Care Committee made this quilt as a fund raiser for their quilting supplies. They won a nice Blue Ribbon at QDO and plan to enter it in the KY State Fair in August. We are so proud of the work they do! Not to mention their extraordinary talent!



You can always tell a quilter from the threads she wears!

CUDDLE CARE REPORT

Great job members! Over thirty completed CC quilts have been delivered to Norton Children's Hospital. That's one third of our annual goal!

Below is a reminder of quilt top dimensions ***for members that prefer to only piece:***

Width: 38-40 inches
Length: 38 or greater

Completed quilts can be any size or shape.

Please have all quilt tops turned in by June 20 to be quilted at Quilted Joy on long arm sewing machines in July.



Quilter's Day Out, Louisville Nimble Thimbles Boutique

So, another QDO/LNT Boutique has come and gone. By all accounts, it was a *very successful* boutique as well. We made our goal for the year and then some. From start to finish, the boutique ran very smoothly. This was due to a great team effort to pull this off.

It is a *LOT* of work and takes the efforts of *many* of our guild members to make it a success, starting with member donations, the offer to loan storage space in Bill Briggs' garage, Linda Slye and Vivian Armstrong in guiding this newby through this daunting task, Debbie Bates, Bill, and me doing a lot of presorting and organizing, to members showing up for the demanding task of unloading, pricing, then reloading our bounty. Then comes setup day, arriving at the venue to once more unload and set up our booth in an organized and attractive manner. Boutique Day involves working out any last minute details, volunteering to act as cashiers and banker, and after it's all said and done, breaking it all down and loading up what is left to haul it all back to storage for the next year.

As chairperson, I thank every single one of our members that contributed to this effort and I want you to know that the guild appreciates our hard work. We had a few more challenges this year but we met them head on. We received many positive comments on not only our items for sale, but on the overall look of our boutique. Our hard work has paid off in another year of wonderful programs and charitable works!

Terrie Catron, QDO/LNT Boutique Chairperson

Upcoming Programs and Events

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EVENING PROGRAMS 6:30pm – until our bobbin thread runs out April 4

Double Wedding Ring

Busy Lady Quilt Shop has graciously volunteered to demonstrate the Double Wedding Ring quilt. Kits will be available at the meeting for \$26.99 each. No need to bring sewing machine or supplies.



May 2

Skills School II, presented by our talented and knowledgeable members!

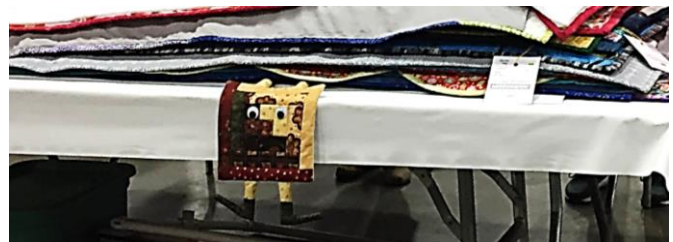
Part II of our popular feature, "Finishing Your Quilt". The skills presented in this "Skills School":

- Prairie Points
- Scalloped Edges
- Facing the Quilt
- Faux Piping
- Blocking a Quilt
- Making Continuous Binding
- Joining Binding with a Flat Seam
- Pieced Bindings
- *And maybe more!*



June 6

Kentucky State Fair Information



Once again, our beloved fellow member Susan Hoferkamp, Textile Department Superintendent, and her colleague Pam Shartzter, will be here to speak to us on the ins and outs of entering our quilts in this year's Kentucky State Fair. Bring any questions you might have and you are sure to come away with all the information you need. The fair this year runs from August 15 through August 25.

DAY PROGRAMS 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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April 18

Maryhurst Tote Bags, Maker Session

Bring your sewing machine and basic supplies and we will make tote bags for the girls at Maryhurst. Remember, sometimes the girls are forced to resort to trash bags in which to carry their belongings. Let's help them to restore some dignity by making them a tote bag.

We will have all the fabric for your tote and will even have some kits cut out for you. We also have the instructions or you may whip up your own unique creation! Come join the fun!



May 16

Cuddle Care, Quilt As You Go

We will quilt all three layers as we simultaneously piece the strips on the quilt top.

If interested in free motion quilting (beginners or experienced), let Debbie Hampton know since all fabric and batting will be provided.

Bring your sewing machine, walking or FMQ foot, basic sewing supplies and a brown bag lunch.



June 20

Quilt of Valor

Join us as we get together to piece the top for our annual Quilt of Valor, made to honor a local serving military member or veteran at a presentation later in the year. Pattern, instruction, and material provided. Please bring your basic sewing supplies (listed below) and a medium blending thread (quilt will be red, white, and blue), and your brown bag lunch.

Note: Sewing machine & basic supplies = Machine, manual and tools, extra needles, thread, bobbins, pins, scissors, seam ripper, rotary cutter, small cutting board (12x18), rulers, iron and ironing mat, extension cords.

You know you are a quilter if . . .

To you, parchment paper is not a baking supply.

SPECIAL EVENT

We will have a **special class** on the “**Bargello**” style quilt, taught by Denise Stewart. The class is almost full, so if you would like to attend, you will need to sign up ASAP. **Contact Debbie Bates or Barbara Rogers or sign up at the April 4 evening meeting.**

Class will be held on **April 20 at 9am until 3pm at the J-town Firehouse #2** (formerly McMahon Firehouse) on Taylorsville Rd. **Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.** *Bring a brown bag lunch.*

The “Bargello” Pattern is made by sewing peaks and slopes of gradual color changes to imitate historic Italian needlework. This quick-strip method uses the rotary cutter and sewing machine to save time. A sharp pair of scissors is essential for turning pieced loops into strips as needed. A swatch chart keeps the fabric in order while following the “strip-sewing” chart. Basic techniques, including stitching straight seams and careful pressing, will be covered so that this quilt is fun to make.

MATERIALS:

- Seven fabrics, fat quarter of each (about 18” by 21”). Choose quality 100% cotton for best results.
- Border fabric to contrast, 1 ½ yards (includes binding)
- Backing and batting to fit (at least 50” by 60”)
- Thread to blend with all fabrics (gray or brown)

EQUIPMENT:

- Sewing machine with new needle
- ¼” seam guide
- Extra bobbins
- Rotary cutter with sharp blade
- Large cutting mat (18” x 24”)
- 6” x 24” acrylic rotary cutting ruler



BIO: Denise Stewart has been sewing on a machine since 1973 and quilting since 1986. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Clothing and Textiles from Tennessee Technological University in 1985. She has lived in Adair County since 1990, where she continues to learn and teach many methods of sewing and quilting throughout Kentucky for quilt groups, Extension Homemakers and the UK Cooperative Extension Service. She has won many ribbons at the local county fairs and the Kentucky State Fair. She enjoys sharing her love of sewing with others.

If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?

Featured Member

My name is **Sandy Davis** and I recently joined Louisville Nimble Thimbles after moving to Middletown in October 2018. I have been quilting for more than 40 years, starting in high school. My first quilt was technically a denim comforter that I made to take to college. While I was working, I could not commit to a quilt guild. Now that I am retired, I wanted to be part of a quilting community.

Quilting is a passion for me as I love working with color and the tactile nature of creating something beautiful. My preferences run towards highly chromatic geometric designs, often executed in batiks. But I love to try new techniques and will often challenge myself to work with colors that are not my preference.

Most of my quilts are for family and friends although I have sold a few and donated quilted items for fund-raisers. I look forward to being inspired by the others in LNT as well as inspiring others.



Congratulations to member Sangeeta Deshpande and her husband who just recently gained American citizenship status!

Brenda Foley brought a special quilt to our last meeting in January. She made it for *Forest*, the service dog belonging to one of the veterans who received a Quilt of Valor at our last QOV Ceremony. That veteran shared pictures of Forest and the quilt with Paws with Purpose, who then posted it on their Facebook page, giving credit for the quilt to our guild. The credit actually belongs to Brenda who had the vision of appreciation not only for the veterans, but the many service dogs who provide needed assistance. We are all thankful for our veterans. And we are all thankful for organizations like Paws with Purpose who provide Assistance Dogs as partners to children and adults with physical disabilities or other special needs, including many veterans.



Membership Report

As of March 7th, we had 48 paid members, one comped member, and three honorary members. We have had several new members join our guild recently and we would like to send them a warm *welcome!*

We would also like to remind current members that annual dues are to be paid by April 1 to avoid being removed from the email distribution list, which means, unfortunately, that emails will no longer be sent announcing upcoming events and meetings and parts of the LNT website will no longer be available for viewing.

MANY STARTS, MINI FINISHES

By Bee Neeley Kuckelman

There once was a quilter named Min.
Whatever she'd see, she'd begin.

A large quilt, a small quilt,

A doll quilt, a wall quilt.

"I'll finish these later," said Min.

"Now what shall I start on today?
I guess it will be applique'.

Some birds in a group,

I'll frame with a hoop.

Today, though, I'll put them away.

"I think I will make a new vest,
In silk, or would cotton be best-

Trapunto I'll do,

Then Sunbonnet Sue!

But now I will give them a rest.

"A tote bag I've wanted to sew,
And then I'll try quilt-as-you-go.

A Radiant Star

For next year's bazaar-

Just when they'll be done, I don't know.

For Christmas I've projects galore-
A tree skirt, a wreath for the door.

I'll make a soft box,

And red quilted socks,

And what's not completed, I'll store."

"Is anything finished?" asked Son.
Her answer could only be "None."

So, Min made a vow:

She would not allow

More new projects-well, maybe just one.

SECOND QUARTER BIRTHDAYS

April: Sandy Davis, Angelique Shah

May: Sangeeta Deshpande, Susan
Hoferkamp

June: Terrie Catron, Debbie Hofelich, Sarah
Lee, Ruthann Rosch, Debbie Watts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOVELY LADIES!

*So many designs,
so little time.*

Tips and Tricks

- ◆ If you want to use fabrics paints or fabric pens to decorate a quilt block, try stabilizing it by ironing on freezer paper to the backside. The plastic side of the freezer paper will temporarily fuse to fabric by ironing it on, and it will peel right off when you are done. This is also great for making quilt labels.
- ◆ Use old type metal shower curtain rings to hold together your quilting stencils. You can access any single one without removing the others!
- ◆ Make your own variegated thread in ANY two- or three-color combinations you choose. Just thread all of the threads through the machine and through a #14 JEANS NEEDLE. (It has a large hole, and is very sharp.) If you do not have extra spool holders on your machine, place each of the extra threads in a heavy mug near the back of your machine, and thread the machine in its usual manner. All purpose thread may be used, but embroidery thread is thinner, if you would prefer that.

Great Links Harvested from the WWW:

- ◆ What to do with all those fabric scraps!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9lq9TB6XQg&t=268s>
- ◆ Susan Carlson is only one of many instructors teaching the popular technique of fabric collage. In this video, she speaks of choosing fabrics for collage. Her playlist is also included to the right of the screen.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjNdtZQWqhk&list=PLTDK8hTZt04sBgCtUwADZeS3yd8pmasZT>
- ◆ Ideas for using fabric panels
<https://coloradocreationsquilting.com/blogs/tutorials/15-innovative-ways-to-use-fabric-panels>

Louisville Nimble Thimbles 2018 Officer Roster

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